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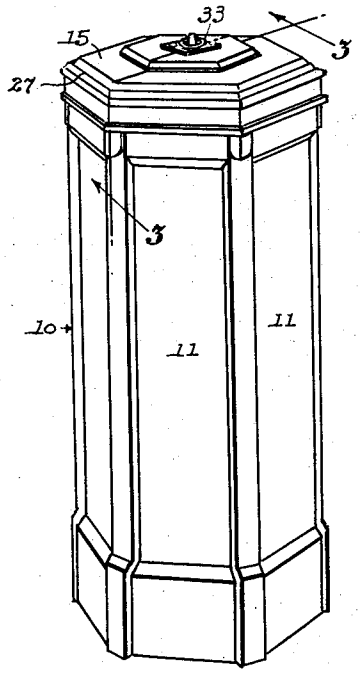


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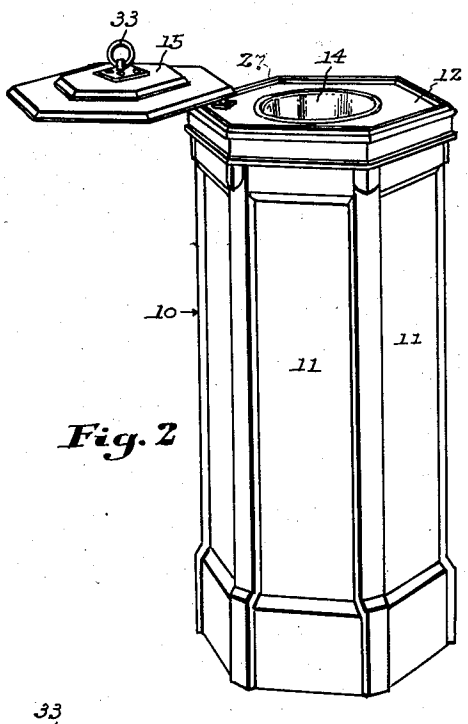
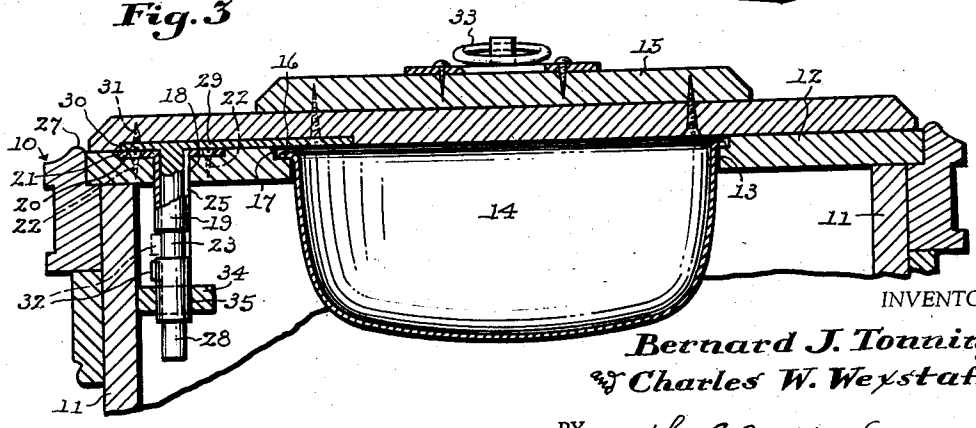


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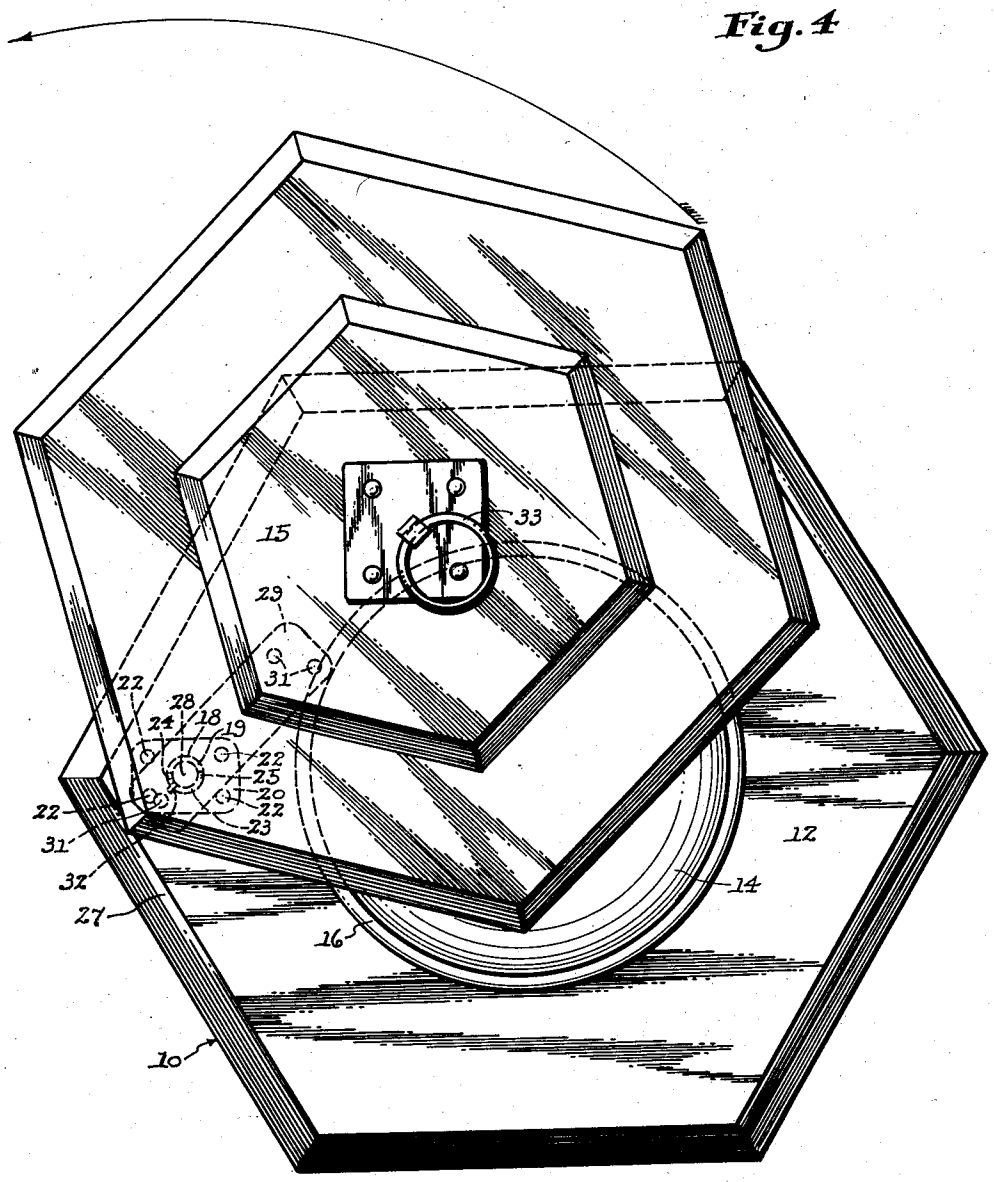
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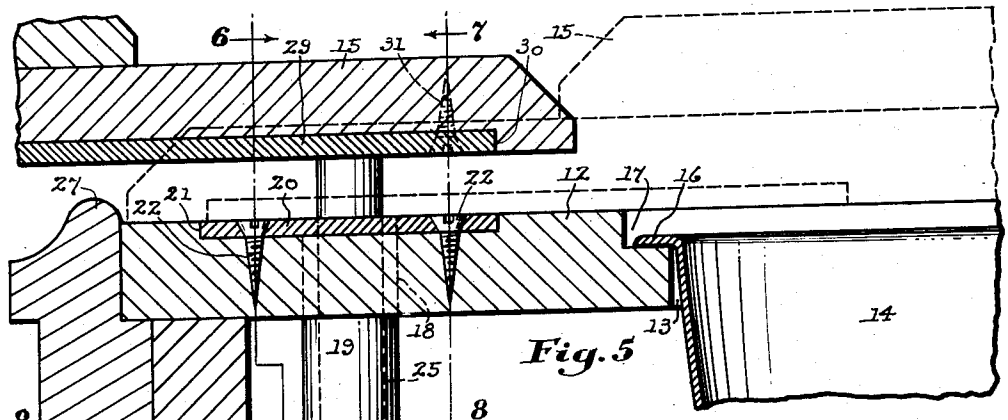


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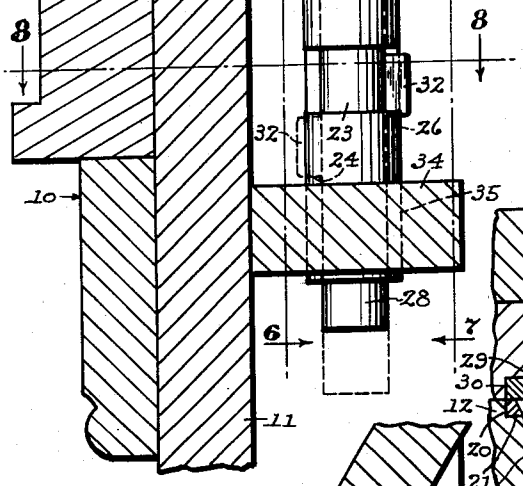


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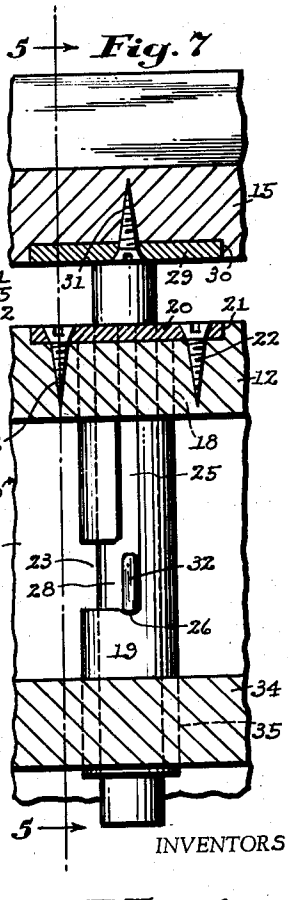


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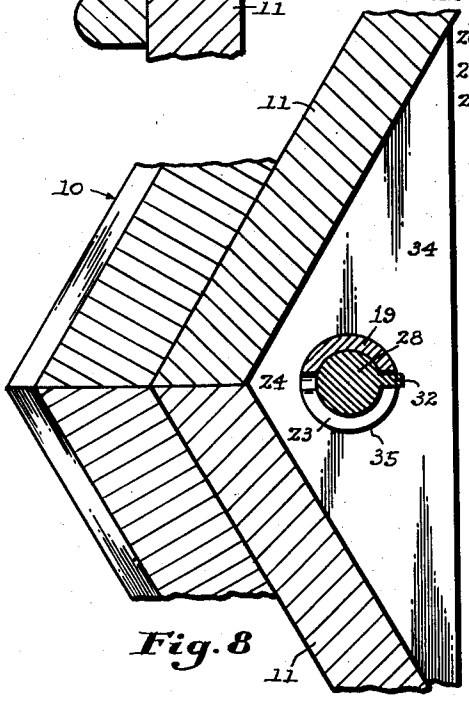


Fig. 8

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The present invention relates to baptismal fonts.

The conventional baptismal front comprises a cabinet which houses a basin for holy water and is usually provided with a cover which can be lifted off during a baptismal ceremony. In many instances there is no place to set the cover except on the floor, which is inconvenient and which also detracts from the dignity of the ceremony. The object of this invention is, therefore, to provide a baptismal font having a pivoted cover which can be lifted slightly and then swung open to give access to the basin.

An illustrative embodiment of the invention is shown in the accompanying drawing, wherein:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the new baptismal font, with the cover therefor in closed position;

Figure 2 is a perspective view of the same and showing the cover swung to open position;

Figure 3 is a central vertical sectional view of the upper part of the font, the plane of section being indicated by the line 3—3 of Figure 1;

Figure 4 is a top plan view of the font and showing the cover partially swung between closed and open positions;

Figure 5 is an enlarged fragmentary vertical sectional view taken on line 5—5 of Figure 7 and showing in detail the pivotal mountings for the cover which in this view is indicated in closed position in dotted lines and in open position in full lines;

Figure 6 is a fragmentary vertical sectional view taken on line 6—6 of Figure 5 and indicating the cover in closed position;

Figure 7 is a fragmentary vertical sectional view taken on line 7—7 of Figure 5 and indicating the cover in open position; and

Figure 8 is a fragmentary horizontal sectional view taken on line 8—8 of Figure 5.

Referring now in detail to these drawings, the baptismal font there shown generally comprises an upstanding enclosed cabinet **10** which is hexagonal in plan and which has side walls **11** and a substantially horizontal top **12** provided with a central basin-receiving opening **13** in which is suspended a basin **14**, and a cover **15** for the font. The basin's upper peripheral rim or flange **16**, by which it is suspended from the cabinet's top **12** is seated in a circular recess **17** so that the cover **15** can lie flush against the top **12** when in its closed position.

The top **12** of the cabinet also has a sleeve-receiving opening **18** located between the rim of the basin **14** and the rim of the top, in one of the corners of the hexagonal top **12**. A sleeve **19** is secured in the opening **18** and depends from the top **12** within the enclosed cabinet, said sleeve being provided with a flange **20** at its upper end seated in a recess **21** so as to be flush with the top and secured to the top as by means of woodscrews **22**. The sleeve **19** is cut away intermediate its ends to form a horizontal channel **23** of approximately 180° extent and has a retainer slot **24** (see Figure 6) extending vertically downwardly from the outer end of

the channel **23** and a removal slot **25** (see Figure 7) extending vertically upwardly from the inner end of the channel and through the top of the sleeve **19**. The sleeve **19** also has a small notch **26** (see Figure 7) adjacent the bottom of the channel **23** and directly below the removal slot **25**.

The hexagonal cover **15** for the font, when in its closed position indicated in Figures 1 and 3, lies flush against the top **12** of the cabinet and is seated within a peripheral rim **27** secured to the cabinet and extending slightly above the top. The cover **15** has a pintle **28** secured to its underside and depending into the sleeve **19**, said pintle being provided with a flange **29** on its upper end seated in a recess **30** so as to be flush with the underside of the cover and secured to the cover as by means of woodscrews **31**. The pintle **28** has a radially outwardly extending lug **32** thereon which is rotatable in the sleeve's channel **23** and vertically slidable in the sleeve's slots **24** and **25**. In the closed position of the cover shown in full lines in Figures 1, 3 and 6 and in dotted lines in Figure 5, the lug **32** on pintle **28** is seated in the retainer slot **24** of sleeve **19**.

When it is desired to use the baptismal font, the cover **15** is grasped by its handle **33** and first lifted straight upwardly beyond the cabinet's rim **27**. This movement of the cover moves the lug **32** on pintle **28** upwardly out of the retainer slot **24** and into the channel **23**. The cover may then be rotated outwardly through approximately 180°, thus swinging the lug **32** through channel **23** until it seats in the sleeve's notch **26** to releasably maintain the cover in its extreme open position seen in Figure 2. From this position, the cover may either be returned to its closed position or, if desired, it can be completely removed from the font by lifting it upwardly during which movement the lug **32** on pintle **28** passes freely upwardly through the removal slot **25**. The cover may then be replaced by reversing the steps already described.

It may be found desirable to provide additional mooring for the sleeve **19**, such being here shown in the form of a corner block **34** secured in the adjacent corner of the cabinet near the bottom of the sleeve and provided with an aperture **35** in which the sleeve is embraced.

It will thus be seen that the invention provides a baptismal font having a cover which may conveniently be swung out of the way to give access to holy water with the font's basin. While but one specific embodiment of the invention has been herein shown and described it will be understood that numerous details may be altered or omitted without departing from the spirit of the invention as defined by the following claims.

We claim:

1. A baptismal font comprising: an upstanding enclosed cabinet having vertical side walls forming an enclosure of substantially uniform horizontal cross-section throughout its height and having a horizontal top substantially coextensive with the area defined by the upper ends of said side walls, said top being provided with a central basin-receiving opening, with a sleeve-receiving opening to one side of said central opening, and with a peripheral rim extending slightly above the top; a basin suspended in said central opening; a sleeve secured in said sleeve-receiving opening and depending from the top within the enclosed cabinet, said sleeve having a portion intermediate its ends cut away to form a horizontal channel of approximately 180° extent and having a retainer slot extending downwardly from one end of said channel; a cover for the font movable to a closed position lying flush against the top of the cabinet and seated within the top's peripheral rim; a pintle secured to the underside of the cover and depending therefrom into said sleeve, said pintle having a

radially outwardly extending lug thereon rotatable in said channel and slidable in said retainer slot, the lug being seated in the retainer slot when the cover is in closed position and being movable upwardly into said channel when the cover is lifted upwardly beyond said rim, said lug being swingable in the channel when the cover is rotated approximately 180° to open position, and said lug resting on the horizontal bottom wall of the channel to support the cover in elevated position.

2. A baptismal font comprising: an upstanding enclosed cabinet having flat vertical side walls forming an enclosure of substantially uniform hexagonal horizontal cross-section throughout its height and having a horizontal hexagonal top substantially coextensive with the hexagonal area defined by the upper ends of said side walls, said top being provided with a central basin-receiving opening, with a sleeve-receiving opening in one corner thereof, and with a peripheral rim extending slightly above the top; a basin suspended in said central opening; a sleeve secured in said corner opening and depending from the top within the enclosed cabinet, said sleeve being cut away intermediate its ends to form a horizontal channel of approximately 180° extent and having a retainer slot extending downwardly from one end of the channel and a removal slot extending upwardly from the other end of said channel and through the top of the sleeve, said sleeve having also a notch adjacent the bottom of the channel directly below the removal

slot; a hexagonal cover for the font movable to a closed position lying flush against the top of the cabinet and seated within the top's peripheral rim; a pintle secured to the underside of the cover and depending therefrom into said sleeve, said pintle having a radially outwardly extending lug thereon rotatable in said channel and slidable in said slots, the lug being seated in the retainer slot when the cover is in closed position and being movable upwardly into said channel when the cover is lifted upwardly beyond said rim, said lug being swingable in the channel when the cover is rotated approximately 180° to open position and being adapted to rest on the horizontal bottom wall of said channel to support the cover in elevated position, and to seat in said notch to releasably maintain the cover in its fully open position, and said lug being slidable upwardly through the removal slot and out of the sleeve to permit complete removal of the cover from the cabinet when in its open position.

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